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Director's Report

To: Board of Trustees
From: Diane Giarrusso, Library Director
Date: March 8, 2016

Facilities/Grounds

- Joe Fiumara has been working with the Conservation Agent on next year's Green Initiative. I will update as details are available.

Policy/Services

- The Friends of the Library Mini Golf Fundraiser will be held on October 22 and 23, 2016. It will feature a Mask/Halloween theme.
- The Library staff participated in the inaugural Run. Hide. Fight. training offered by the Tewksbury Police Department on Thursday, March 3rd. Detective Gonzales and Chief Sheehan presented the important information and then helped the staff imagine what they could do in the event of an active shooter depending on where they were in the Library. It was a very powerful presentation and we thank the TPD for their presentation. Here is a link to a video introducing what we learned: <https://youtu.be/5VcSwejU2D0>
- On Election Day, March 1st, 2665 people entered through the front doors. I believe that is a record in my time here!
- Noelle Boc and Heather Maganzini, along with a few extra staff members, held another successful School Night at the Library on Wednesday, March 2nd. We hosted the North Street School that night, with a special visit from the Huskie, their school mascot. Because it was Dr. Seuss' birthday, the staff celebrated with a variety of costumes that night.
- We have started two pilot initiatives to provide educational and social opportunities for members of the group homes that visit the library frequently. These members have disabilities that range from one or more of the following: learning, brain trauma, physical, psychological. Our initial goal is to determine how we can assist these groups in getting more out of their library visits. We will learn as we go and our ultimate goal is to determine a range of library services we can provide for individuals and groups now and in the future. These opportunities are for group home members only at this point.
 - Corinn Flaherty started a Barks and Books program with Diane and Misty (The Reading Therapy Dog) so that some of the members who read can have an opportunity to read to (and snuggle with) Misty. Other members who aren't able to read, can have some snuggle and social time with Misty and Diane. Misty is a lovable poodle who accepts people as they are—regardless of ability. The program has been very popular and runs weekly.
 - Corinn Flaherty and Luke Terry (our classic film buff) are also showing short films followed by discussion.
- We have started a monthly "Crafternoon" one Saturday a month. People are invited to bring non-messy crafting (embroidery/cross stitch, knitting/crochet, etc.) one afternoon a month when Jeanne Schwarz, our leader, is here for socializing and "getting it done"! It's a flexible and open group for those interested in being with other crafters.



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